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INTERNATIONAL PRELIMINARY EXAMINATION REPORT

(PCT Article 36 and Rule 70)

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Applicant	SCHOTT AG	

1. This international preliminary examination report has been prepared by this International Preliminary Examining Authority and is transmitted to the applicant according to Article 36.
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- VIII Certain observations on the international application

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International Application No.

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I. Basis of the report

1. With regard to the elements of the international application:*

 the international application as originally filed the description:

pages 1-13, as originally filed

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 the claims:

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 the drawings:

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 the sequence listing part of the description:

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2. With regard to the language, all the elements marked above were available or furnished to this Authority in the language in which the international application was filed, unless otherwise indicated under this item.

These elements were available or furnished to this Authority in the following language _____ which is:

 the language of a translation furnished for the purposes of international search (under Rule 23.1(b)). the language of publication of the international application (under Rule 48.3(b)). the language of the translation furnished for the purposes of international preliminary examination (under Rule 55.2 and/or 55.3).

3. With regard to any nucleotide and/or amino acid sequence disclosed in the international application, the international preliminary examination was carried out on the basis of the sequence listing:

 contained in the international application in written form. filed together with the international application in computer readable form. furnished subsequently to this Authority in written form. furnished subsequently to this Authority in computer readable form. The statement that the subsequently furnished written sequence listing does not go beyond the disclosure in the international application as filed has been furnished. The statement that the information recorded in computer readable form is identical to the written sequence listing has been furnished.4. The amendments have resulted in the cancellation of: the description, pages _____ the claims, Nos. _____ the drawings, sheets/fig _____5. This report has been established as if (some of) the amendments had not been made, since they have been considered to go beyond the disclosure as filed, as indicated in the Supplemental Box (Rule 70.2(c)).**

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** Any replacement sheet containing such amendments must be referred to under item 1 and annexed to this report.

V. Reasoned statement under Article 35(2) with regard to novelty, inventive step or industrial applicability; citations and explanations supporting such statement

1. Statement

Novelty (N)	Claims	1-10	YES
	Claims		NO
Inventive step (IS)	Claims	1-10	YES
	Claims		NO
Industrial applicability (IA)	Claims	1-10	YES
	Claims		NO

2. Citations and explanations

Document EP-A-0 967 838 is considered the prior art closest to the subject matter of claim 1. It discloses a cooking system based on the heat conduction principle, and a one-piece cooking surface made of glass ceramic material, which comprises at least one cooking zone that can be directly and individually heated by means of heating elements disposed on the underside of the glass-ceramic plate, the heating elements of the cooking zone consisting of metallic layers.

The problem to be solved by the present invention is therefore understood to be that of creating an electrically directly heatable cooking system which is esthetically pleasing and easy to clean. The system performance is aimed at achieving an improvement over that of conventional cooking systems heated by radiation heating elements.

According to the invention this problem is solved by the fact that the glass ceramic plate consists of main crystalline phases with an expansion coefficient of $\alpha = 0 - 1.8 \times 10^{-6}/K$ and a heat conductivity $< 3/mK$, and that a porous ceramic layer serving as electric insulating layer

is disposed on the underside of the glass ceramic plate.

The solution to this problem put forward in claim 1 of the present application involves an inventive step because neither document D1 nor any other search report citation discloses or suggests a cooking system of this kind (PCT Article 33(3)).

Claims 2 to 10 are dependent on claim 1 and therefore likewise meet the PCT requirements for novelty and inventive step.